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AND TOBACCO FILTER

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 12, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.